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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: September 20, 1995.

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR part 180 be amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. Section 180.431 is amended in paragraph (a) in the table therein by adding and alphabetically inserting an entry for the commodity asparagus, to read as follows:

§ 180.431 Clopyralid; tolerances for residues.

(a) * * *

Commodity	Parts per million
Asparagus	1.0
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40 CFR Part 180

[PP 5E4540/P633; FRL-4977-8]

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α-Alkyl (C₂₁-C₇₁)-ω-Hydroxypoly(Oxyethylene); Tolerance Exemption

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes that residues of α-alkyl (C₂₁-C₇₁)-ω-hydroxypoly(oxyethylene) be exempted from the requirement of a tolerance when used at levels not to exceed 10% as a wetting agent or granule coating in pesticide formulations. Petrolite Corp. requested this regulation under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

DATES: Comments, identified by the document control number [PP 5E4540/P633], must be received on or before October 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall, Building #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202. Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part of all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by the EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [PP 5E4540/P633]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Amelia M. Acierto, Registration Support Branch, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 2800 Crystal Drive, North Tower, Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-308-8375; e-mail: acierto.amelia@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Petrolite Corp., Polymers Division, 6910 East 14th St., Tulsa, OK 74112, submitted pesticide petition (PP) 5E4540 to EPA requesting that the Administrator, pursuant to section 408(e) of the Federal

Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 346a(e), propose to amend 40 CFR 180.1001(d) by establishing an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for α-alkyl (C₂₁-C₇₁)-ω-hydroxypoly(oxyethylene) when used at levels not to exceed 10% as a wetting agent or granule coating in pesticide formulations applied to growing crops only.

Inert ingredients are all ingredients that are not active ingredients as defined in 40 CFR 153.125, and include, but are not limited to, the following types of ingredients (except when they have a pesticidal efficacy of their own): solvents such as alcohols and hydrocarbons; surfactants such as polyoxyethylene polymers and fatty acids; carriers such as clay and diatomaceous earth; thickeners such as carrageenan and modified cellulose; wetting, spreading, and dispersing agents; propellants in aerosol dispensers; microencapsulating agents; and emulsifiers. The term "inert" is not intended to imply nontoxicity; the ingredient may or may not be chemically active.

The data submitted in the petition and other relevant material have been evaluated. As part of the EPA policy statement on inert ingredients published in the Federal Register of April 22, 1987 (52 FR 13305), the Agency set forth a list of studies which would generally be used to evaluate the risks posed by the presence of an inert ingredient in a pesticide formulation. However, where it can be determined without these data that the inert ingredient will present minimal or no risk, the Agency generally does not require some or all of the listed studies to rule on the proposed tolerance or exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for an inert ingredient. The Agency has decided that no data, in addition to that described below, for α-alkyl (C₂₁-C₇₁)-ω-hydroxypoly(oxyethylene) will need to be submitted. The rationale for this decision is described below:

1. The rat acute oral toxicity studies with acute oral LD₅₀ values varying from 410 mg/kg to 25,000 mg/kg.

2. The acute dermal toxicity studies with acute dermal LD₅₀ values from 930 mg/kg to 11,800 mg/kg in rabbits and > 2,000 mg/kg in rats.

3. Mutagenicity studies including *Salmonella typhimurium* plate (Ames) tests with and without activation, structural chromosomal aberration test and other genotoxic effects tests were negative.

4. The 90-day feeding toxicity study in rats with a NOEL 15 mg/kg/day.

5. The 90-day dermal toxicity study with a NOEL of 20 mg/kg/day in rabbits and greater than 125 mg/kg/day in rats.

6. The developmental toxicity study in rabbits with a systemic maternal NOEL of 50 mg/kg/day and a developmental NOEL of > 200 mg/kg/day indicating no evidence of developmental effects.

7. The rat reproductive toxicity study with the systemic and developmental NOEL of 50 mg/kg/day and reproductive NOEL of > 250 mg/kg/day indicating no evidence of reproductive effects.

8. The rat chronic and carcinogenicity study with systemic NOEL of 50 mg/kg/day showing no evidence of carcinogenicity effects.

Based upon the above evaluation of the toxicological data which shows no evidence of carcinogenicity, mutagenicity (Ames Test), acute and subchronic dermal, developmental or reproductive toxicity of α -alkyl (C_{21} - C_{71})- ω -hydroxypoly (oxyethylene) and the expected dietary exposure, the Agency concludes that this chemical poses no significant risks under the proposed conditions of use and that no further data are required. In addition, these chemicals are similar to other ethoxylated alcohols [C_{12-15} -polyethoxylated alcohols (CAS # 68131-40-8), C_{12-20} -ethoxylated alcohols (CAS # 68526-94-3) and C_{12-18} -ethoxylated-propoxylated alcohol (CAS # 69227-21-0)], which have already been exempted from the requirement of a tolerance under 40 CFR 180.1001(c) or (d) based on data indicating no adverse toxicological effects. Furthermore, these chemicals are among those that the Agency has sufficient information to conclude that their current use patterns in pesticide products will not adversely affect public health and the environment and which have subsequently been reclassified from List 3 (inert ingredients of unknown toxicity) to List 4b (inert ingredients of minimal concern) (60 FR 35396, July 7, 1995). The α -alkyl (C_{21} - C_{71})- ω -hydroxypoly(oxyethylene) merely have a longer carbon chain, and the expected breakdown products are similar to the shorter extant ethoxylated alcohols. There is no reason to believe that there would be any toxicological concern for the longer carbon chain-length alcohols since these would most likely result in decreased absorption and toxicity. Furthermore, similar surfactants, i.e., ethoxylated fatty acids and their salts and esters, ethoxylated polyglycols,

ethoxylated amines, and others, are presently exempted from tolerances under 40 CFR 180.1001.

Based upon the information above, the toxicological data and physico-chemical properties of α -alkyl (C_{21} - C_{71})- α -hydroxypoly(oxyethylene), and review of its use, the Agency has found that, when used in accordance with good agricultural practice, this ingredient is useful and a tolerance is not necessary to protect the public health. Therefore, EPA proposes that the exemption from the requirement of a tolerance be established as set forth below.

Any person who has registered or submitted an application for registration of a pesticide, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, which contains any of the ingredients listed herein, may request within 30 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register that this rulemaking proposal be referred to an Advisory Committee in accordance with section 408(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Comments must bear a notation indicating the document control number, [PP 5E4540/P633]. All written comments filed in response to this petition will be available in the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, at the address given above from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number [PP 5E4540/P633] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-Docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this rule from the requirements of section 3 of Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing new tolerances or raising tolerance levels or establishing exemptions from tolerance requirements do not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the Federal Register of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: September 19, 1995.

Peter Caulkins,
Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR part 180 be amended as follows:

PART 180—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 180 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a and 371.

2. Section 180.1001(d) is amended in the table therein by adding and alphabetically inserting the inert ingredient, to read as follows:

§ 180.1001 Exemptions from the requirement of a tolerance.

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(d) * * *

Inert ingredients	Limits	Uses
<p style="text-align: center;">* *</p> <p>α-Alkyl (C₂₁-C₇₁)-ω-hydroxypoly (oxyethylene) in which the poly(oxyethylene) content is 2 to 91 moles and molecular weight range from 390 to 5,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* *</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* *</p> <p>Not to exceed 10%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* *</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* *</p> <p>Wetting agent or granule coating</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* *</p>

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 201-2, 201-3, 201-9, 201-18, 201-20, 201-21, 201-22, 201-23, 201-24, and 201-39

RIN 3090-AF84

Amendment of Miscellaneous FIRMR Provisions

AGENCY: Information Technology Service, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend various Federal Information Resources Management Regulation (FIRMR) provisions with regard to updating the references to GSA offices and symbols to reflect reorganizations within GSA.

DATES: Comments will be considered in the final rule, but must be received on or before November 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to GSA/KAR, 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 3224, Washington, DC 20405, Attn: Doris Farmer or delivered to that address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Farmer, telephone FTS/Commercial (202) 501-0960 (v), Internet (doris.farmer@gsa.gov) or (202) 501-0657 (tdd).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (1) Various sections of the FIRMR are being amended to update GSA offices and symbols. These changes result from several reorganizations within GSA.

(2) GSA has determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 of October 4, 1993, because it is not likely to result in any of the impacts noted in Executive order 12866, affect the rights of specified individuals, or raise issues arising from the policies of the Administration. GSA has based all administrative decisions underlying this

rule on adequate information concerning the need for and consequences of this rule; has determined that the potential benefits to society from this rule outweigh the potential costs and has maximized the net benefits and has chosen the alternative approach involving the least net cost to society.

(3) The recordkeeping provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act do not apply because the FIRMR changes do not impose information collection requirements or collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public which require the approval of OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 201-2, 201-3, 201-9, 201-18, 201-20, 201-21, 201-22, 201-23, 201-24, and 201-39

Archives and records, Computer technology, Federal information processing resources activities, Government procurement, Property management, Records management, and Telecommunications. For the reasons set forth in the preamble, GSA is amending 41 CFR part 201-2, 201-3, 201-9, 201-18, 201-20, 201-21, 201-22, 201-23, 201-24, and 201-39 as follows:

PART 201-2—DESIGNATED SENIOR OFFICIAL

1. The authority citation for part 201-2 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c) and 751(f).

§ 201-2.003 [Amended]

2. In § 201-2.003 paragraph (a), remove the words "GSA, Assistant Commissioner for Federal Information Resources Management (KD)" and add in their place the words "GSA/KA".

PART 201-3—THE FIRMR SYSTEM

3. The authority citation for part 201-3 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c) and 751(f).

§ 201-3.203 [Amended]

4. In § 201-3.203, paragraph (a) remove the words "Information Resources Management Service" and

add in their place the words "Information Technology Service."

§ 201.3.401 [Amended]

5. In § 201-3.401, remove the words "Information Resources Management Service" and add in their place the words "Information Technology Service."

§ 201-3.402 [Amended]

6. In § 201-3.402, remove the words "General Services Administration, Regulations Analysis Division, (KAR)" and add in their place the words "GSA/KAR".

PART 201-9—CREATION, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF RECORDS

7. The authority citation for part 201-9 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c) and 751(f).

§ 201-9.202-1 [Amended]

8. In § 201-9.202-1 paragraph (b)(7), remove the words "General Services Administration, Regulations Analysis Division, (KAR)" and add in their place the words "GSA/KAR".

§ 201-9.202-2 [Amended]

9. In § 201-9.202-2 paragraph (b)(1)(ix) remove the words "General Services Administration, Acquisition Reviews Division (KAA)" and add in their place the words "GSA/KAA."

PART 201-18—PLANNING AND BUDGETING

10. The authority citation for part 201-18 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c) and 751(f).

§ 201-18.003 [Amended]

11. In § 201-18.003, remove the words "General Services Administration, Acquisition Review Division (KAA)" and add in their place the words "GSA/KAA".

PART 201-20—ACQUISITION

12. The authority citation for part 201-20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c) and 751(f).